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INTRODUCTION

My husband and I have been rockhounding for eight years. We have followed maps up hill and down dale to free spots to dig. We have also gone to many fee areas. We prefer to go to the places that charge a fee. The owner will usually help you find a good place to dig and show you samples of what to look for. The larger, more commercial places have restrooms, picnic tables, drinking water, or even refreshments for sale. I recommend writing to the owner before planning a trip, or calling if you are in the area. Many places close unexpectedly, due to illness or death in the family; some are sold, and the new owners may not always permit digging. It is a good idea to enclose a stamped return envelope when writing for information.

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To save collectors time and trouble, I am including a separate list of places that I know to be closed. Some of these were in previous editions of this list; others

are well-known sites that are now closed.

I have listed the main minerals found at each location in a separate column, so that you can look for a particular mineral, or get an idea of what is available

in a particular state.

I would like to thank all the people I wrote to for information for this list. Many sent long letters and included maps and other directions. Rockhounds seem to be the friendliest people in the world. Special thanks are due my husband, Leonard, who made many valuable suggestions, gave encouragement, typed the list, and made the business arrangements for printing and distribution. Thanks, too, to John Volk for his illustration for the front cover.

SPECIAL NOTE

** Information for sites marked with a double asterisk is incomplete because the owners did not respond to at least two mail inquiries. However, they are thought to be operating. If you are in the area on a trip, by all means check them out. Any information you can send me about these sites will be very much appreciated, and will be used to further improve this list.

Digging sites are arranged by states, and then by towns where the mines are located (underlined), in alphabetical order.

Digging Site

Minerals

ALASKA

Stewart's Jewel Jade Claims, located at Dahl Creek. Stewart's Photo Shop, 531 4th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501. Phone (907) 272-8581. Open June & July. Camping & cabins available; make res. 3 months in advance. No fee for digging.

**Atlanta House, Glenn Highway, Mile 166.

M. C. White, SS Rt C-280, Palmer, AK 99645.

**Garnet Ledge, Wrangell, Alaska. Write to Southeast Alaska Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc., P.O. Box 510, Juneau, AK 99802 for information and authorization forms. Groups only. Fee: \$3.50. Phone (907) 586-1785 Jade, gold, serpentine, quartz, asbestos, rhodonite,

Fossils

chrysoprase

Garnets

ARIZONA

Patton & Sons, P.O. Box 908, Holbrook, AZ 86025. Phone (602) 524-3470. Open all year, 7 days a week, 6 AM-8PM. Free camping for self-contained. Fees: 50¢/lb. under 100 lbs., 40¢/lb. over 100 lbs.

Black Mountain Opal Mine. Write Lander's Turquoise, 321 East Andy Devine, Kingman, AZ 86401. Fee: \$20.00 each, no weight limit. Clubs invited. "No dealers, please."

Oatman Fire Agate, Box 900, "O" Star Rt., Kingman, AZ 86401. Open all year. Fee: \$2.00 each. Camping \$1.00.

Richey's Rocks, 2nd W. 6th No., <u>St. John's</u> AZ 85936. Phone 337-4596. Minimum 25 lbs. @ 40¢/lb.

Apache Tear Caves, Box 7, Superior, AZ 85273. Phone 689-5101 or 689-5541. \$1.00/gallon bucket.

**Wild Horse Ranch, Sasebe Star Route, Box 97, Tucson, AZ 85736. Camper recreational rockhound ranch. \$5.00/yr. dues.

Petrified wood

Fire opal

Fire agate, desert roses

Flower agate, snowflake agate, amethyst, "manganese crystals"

Apache tears (translucent obsidian) "Write for brochure"

ARKANSAS

Clark Runyan, Shady Heights Road, Rt. 6, Box 194, <u>Hot Springs</u>, AR 71901. Phone (501) 262-2058. Fee: \$2.00.

Coleman Crystal Mine, Jessieville, AR 71949. Fee: \$2.00. Under 12 yrs. free. Don Burrough, Star Rt., Box 135C, Mt. Ida AR 71957. Phone (501) 867-3664. Fee: \$5.00/car. Groups of 20 or more, \$1.50 each. Open all year. Free camping.

**John Moundy, Mt. Ida, AR. Mine on High Peak Mountain.

Ocus Stanly, P.O. Box 163, Mt. Ida, AR 71957. Phone 867-5266. Fee"What it is worth to you." (Suggested min. \$1.50)

Crater of Diamonds State Park, Route 1, Box 364, <u>Murfreesboro</u>, AR 71958. Fees: Adults \$2.00; 6-16 \$1.00, under 6 free.

**Rush Zinc Mine, Fred Dirst, Guide, Yellville, AR 72687.

CALIFORNIA

A. Wilson, Box 281, <u>Baker</u>, CA 92309. "Sheep-Creek Camp." No fees. Near several good sites.

Ron Everett, Ron's Rocks, 33 Willden Dr., Camarillo, CA 93010. Phone (805) 482-4330. Mine is in <u>Baker</u>, CA. Open all year. Make advance arrangements. Fee: 50¢/lb., or 75¢/lb. pre-dug. Free camping with \$5.00 rock purchase.

Gloria Mine, near Boron, CA. Write Maja Mines, Box 227, Woodland Hills, CA 91365. Phone (213) 998-6105. Open all year, by reservation, to clubs and organizations. Fee: \$10.00/50 lbs. or 50¢/lb. for less.than 50 lbs. Free camping.

R/J Rock Shop, Star Route 3, Box 47, Coalinga, CA 93210. Phone (209) 935-0628. Clubs only, min. 10 persons. Fee: 25%/lb. Open 9-5 daily. Camping \$1.00/day, trailers \$2.00/day.

**Mariposite Quarry (Mariposa), Coulterville, CA 95311. Fee: 5¢/lb.

**Dryden Ranch, Eel River Rd., Covelo, CA 95428.

Black quartz,
"coontail"
quartz,
titanium with
brookite
Quartz crystals

Quartz crystals

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Quartz crystals

Diamonds

Smithsonite

Pearlescent, translucent marble; petrified palm wood; owl-hole agate

Cave onyx, stalactites ("Legendary Kokoweef Caverns")

Picture agate and jasper (was called "Calico Jasper Picture Rock Mine")

Red jasper

Mariposite

Jade

Keekay No. 1 Mine. Ms. Kathryn Burrow, P.O. Box 968, <u>Eldridge</u>, CA 95431. Phone (707) 546-6491. Open all year. No fee, but ask permission to dig.

Stifle Claim, Georgetown Send SASE to Alonzo Gust, Box 402, Diamond Springs, CA 95619 for map and permit. Phone (916) 622-3446 before 8 AM or after 10 PM. Fee: \$2.00/person/day. Free camping; no hook-ups; bring water.

**Karl Kubik, <u>Iowa Hill</u>, CA (near Colfax). Fee: \$3.00/20 lbs. + 25¢ each

additional pound.

Manhattan Mine. One Shot Mining Co., General Delivery, Lower Lake, CA 95457. Fee: \$3.00. Under 16 free.

Spider Mine, Fred & Virginia Smith, 1527 Center Road, Novato, CA 94947. Phone (415) 892-5263. May to Oct. Only groups of 10 or more. \$4.00 each for 30 lbs. 20¢/lb. over 30 lbs. Reservations required.

Feather River Pastimes. Frank C. Wagoner, Box 899. Oroville, CA 95965. Phone (916) 533-0988. Rocks free. Camping \$2.00; cabins \$7.50/day for 2 people. Gold panning, \$1.00/car. Reservations required for cabins.

Mrs. Leza Junnila, Jade International, Clear Creek Road, Paicines, CA 95043. Open all year. Free camping. Call to be sure someone is there. Bring water. Fee: Guided trips \$10.00 each, \$3.00 each unguided. Under 12 yrs. old free.

Opal Hill Mine, Helen Madden, Box 232, Palo Verde, CA 92266 (714) 854-3337. \$10.00/day; \$40/week; \$60/month. Wife and kids under 16 free. Oct. 15 to May 1. Camping available.

**Fossil Art Creations, Russell F. Shoemaker, Fossils Jr., P.O. Box 4263, Pasadena, CA 91101.

**South Indian Jade Claims, Eva Rosin, 4270 Silver Crest Ave., Sacramento, CA 95821. crase, jade, Phone (916) 482-0168.

**The Millers, 313 Acebo Lane #7, San Clemente, CA 92672. Phone (714) 492-5865.

Rainbow Mine, Inyo County, CA. Write for appt. to Mr. Rusty Springer, 6524 Bourbon Way, Las Vegas, NV 89107. Phone (702) 878-2392. Open Sept.-June to clubs. Fee: 50¢/1b.

Jasp-agate, petrified palm wood, opal

Epidote, antigorite, serpentine, diopside, garnet, jade, quartz

Tremolite or "Calif. tigereye" Chalcedony onyx, psilomelane, Pyrolusite, barite, myrickite Rhodonite, rhodochrosite

Gold, jade

Jadeite, serpentine, plasma agate, cinnabar

Fire agate

Garnet, idoserpentine, marble, actinolite Chrysocolla, malachite, turquoise, specimens Inyo Rainbow Onyx

CLOSED Nowak's Fire Opal Diggings. Mrs. R. W. Cabaniss, 429 Griswold Ave., San Fernando, CA 91340. Phone (213) 365-5950. \$2.00/day/person. Special rates for larger groups. Free camping. Bring water! Write for map to mine.

Fire opal

Guadalupe Mines. A. Zyskowski, 3130 Manda Dr., <u>San Jose</u>, CA 95124. Phone (408) 266-0990. Fee: \$5.00 each. Free camping; no facilities but water avail.

Marcasite in agate, oxyx, cinnabar

**Chan Jade Mine. Happy Camp, Valley of the Moon Gem Club, Box 583, Sonoma, CA. Fee \$2.00.

Idocrase, nephrite

Antelope Canyon Ranch, Mr. & Mrs. Wyman, Box 253, Tehachapi, CA 93561. Phone (805) 822-3125. May 31 to Sept. 30, weekends only, but will open for large groups other days. Fee: \$1.00. Camping available, with showers.

Marble, limestone, garnets

**Patricks Point State Park, Trinidad, CA. Fee: \$1.50/day/car. Limit of 50 lbs. of rock per day per person. Camping \$4.00/night.

Agate, jasper, petrified wood, jade

Aquarius Travertine Mine. Lloyd Howell, Trona, CA 93562. Weekends Sept. 1 to July 1. \$1.00 for 10 lbs.; 20¢/lb. over 10 lb. Free camping.

Travertine

Delia & Fletscher Tweed, Box 395, Trona, CA 93562. Open Sept. 1 to May 31.

Calcite onyx

Fee: 25%/lb. Camping 50%/night. Mack Mine. Mrs. L. Hall, Star Route, Box 190, Valley Center, CA 92082. Phone (714) 749-0635. Closed July & August. Fee: \$2.00 each. Camping \$5.00 each. No children or pets unless kept in trailer. Make reservations 3 weeks in advance.

Tourmaline

Valley Springs Ranch. John & Betty Snyder, Box 177, Valley Springs, CA 95252. Phone (209) 772-1265. Call for appt. 100 lb. limit/person. Fee: Adults \$4.00; 12-15 \$1.50; 6-11 75¢. Non-hunters \$2.00.

Serpentine, moss agate, opal, jasper, Calif. jade

COLORADO

**Rocky Mountain Natural Science, Box 3302, Field Trips Boulder, CO 80307.

Turquoise Queen Mine, Mr. Ben R. O'Haver, Box 25, <u>Cripple Creek</u>, CO 80813. Phone (303) 689-2253. Open May 30 to Oct. 15, 10 AM-3PM. Fees: \$15.00/day; \$10.00/half day. Discounts for groups of ten or more.

Turquoise

Fossils

**Indian Crafts & Construction Co., Florissant, CO 80816.

Amazonstone, smoky quartz, green fluorite, albite, topaz, goethite

Mile Hi Minerals, 195 Mesa Verde, Golden, CO 80401. Phone (303) 279-7302. Open May 25 to Sept. 5; closed Mondays. Fees: Main pit, \$17.50/day; \$10.00/half day; Screening area, \$1.50/hr. Field trips by advance reservation.

Turquoise

Turquoise Chief Mine. Mr. Norman Reed,
Sugar Loafin' Campground, MMSR 310,
Leadville, CO 80461. May 30 through
Sept. Phone (303) 486-1031; winter
486-1613. \$10.00/2½ hrs., \$15.00/5 hrs.
No children under 14 allowed in mine.
Write for map and more information.
**The Devil's Hole Mine. The Tezak Brothers,

Rose quartz

**The Devil's Hole Mine. The Tezak Brothers
Texas Creek Cafe, Texas Creek, CO.
Fee: \$2.00. Obtain permit at cafe.

CONNECTICUT

Cinque Quarry. Mrs. Cinque, Laurel St., <u>East Haven</u>, CT. \$2.00 fee.

**Gillette Quarry, <u>Haddon Neck</u>, CT **Borodonaro Mine, <u>Portland</u>, CT 06480. Smoky quartz, amethyst, dog-tooth calcite Minerals
Feldspar, garnet, pyrite, mica, quartz
Garnet, staurolite

Roxbury Garnet Mine, Mr. Green, Perkins Road, Roxbury, CT. Fee: \$1.00/car.

FLORIDA

Newport, Florida. Write Buckeye Cellulose Corp., Perry, FL 32347 for permit application and maps. Fee: \$5.00 for 5 days. No charge for under 14 and over 65, but must have permit.

Wacissa (agatized) coral

GEORGIA

Staurolite Minerals & Mines, Mr. Oscar Robertson, Box 62, <u>Ball Ground</u>, GA 30107. Phone (404) 735-3771. \$5.00/person/day. Free camping, free rock museum.

Staurolite, gold, garnet, agate, jasper, geodes, rutile, calcite **Donald Hackney, Blue Ridge, GA. \$2.00/car.

Roper Garnet Mine. Mrs. J. Roper, Mgr. Rt. 2, Box 313, <u>Canon</u>, GA 30520. Phone (404) 356-8560. May 1-Oct. 30, 9AM-5PM. By appt. in April for groups. Fee:

\$3.00. Open every day.

KOA Beryl Mines, Rt. 1, Commerce, GA 30529. Mr. Wyman Barrineau, Phone (404) 335-5535. Open all year. Fee: \$3.00 each or \$3.00/couple if regis. at campground. Camping \$5.00 for 2 +

75¢ each over 2. Sewer hookup 50¢. Crisson Gold Mining Co., Inc. John W. Crisson, Rt. 3, Box 317, Dahlonega, GA 30533. Phone (404) 864-6366 (office)

or 864-6368 (home). Open April 15 to Nov. 1, 10AM-6PM. Fee: \$1.00. Rock &

gift shop.

Gold Hills of Dahlonega, Box 487, Dahlonega, GA 30533. Phone (404) 522-

9563. Weekends only: Apr., May, Nov.

Daily June to Oct. \$1.75; Children \$1.50. Blackburn State Park, Rt. 3 -- Auraria, Dawsonville, GA 30535. Phone (404) Gold panning 864-3789. May to Oct. \$1.00, including

pan rental. Camping \$2.50/night.

**Oconee Springs Quartz, Jane Manly, Rt. 3, Quartz crystals Eatonton, GA 31024.

**Mr. Alton Hayes, Maysville, GA **J. B. Ivy Farm, RFD, Warrenton, GA 30828.

HAWAII **A-AA Affiliates, 132 Kuliouou Rd.,

IDAHO

**Doney's Rocks & Gems. Mr. Ronald D. Doney, 106 W. 38 St., Boise, ID 83704. Phone (208) 344-9133. Operates "Antelope" mine.

Shorty's Diggins, Box 25, Emerald Creek, Fernwood, ID 83830. May 10 to Oct. 1.

Fee: \$3.00/day.

Honolulu, HI 96821.

Jeppesen Wilson Mining Co., Rt. 2, Box 156, Idaho Falls, ID 83401. May to Nov. \$15.00/ day; 8-12 yrs. old, \$7.50; Non-diggers \$1.00.

Staurolite "fairy crosses" Rhodolite garnet, corundum, beryl

Beryl (aquamarine), garnet. tourmaline

Gold panning

Gold panning

Quartz Amethyst

Field trips

Jasper

Star garnet

Opal

Emerald Creek Garnet Area. District Ranger, P.O. Box 407, St. Maries, ID 83861. Phone (208) 245-2531. June 1-Sept. 30, 8AM-7PM. Fee: \$4.00. Limit 5 lbs./day, 6 days per year. Camping \$2.00. Write for map and details.

Carol's Rock Shop. John or Carol Cantlin, P.O. Box 1148, Salmon, ID 83467. Phone (208) 756-3234. May to Oct. Fee: 50¢/lb. Must have total of \$50.00/day, minimum. Will send sample of stone for \$1.00.

Jasper; Challis, wildfire, snowflake agate; petrified wood; green opal

Star garnet

Spencer Opal Mines. May 15-Oct. 1: Box 113, Spencer, ID 83446. Oct. 1-May 15: 1862
Rainier St., Idaho Falls, ID 83401. Fee: \$15.00/day, up to 20 lbs.; excess \$1.00/lb. 8-12 yrs. old, \$7.50. Digging May 15 to October 1.

Opal

ILLINOIS

**Dresden Lakes. Ed Rakoski, Lorenzo Rd., Morris, IL 60450.

Fossils

MAINE

Bennett Quarry. See Mrs. Bennett on Lincoln St., <u>Buckfield</u>, ME (down the road about 3½ mi. from Mt. Mica Mine, in Paris Hill.) Fee: \$2.00.

**Camps of Acadia, Box 202, <u>Eagle Lake</u>, ME 04739. Phone (207) 444-5207.

**Jean Blakemore, <u>East Boothbay</u>, ME 04544.

Beryl, tourmaline, rose quartz, others Guide service

Poland Mining Camps, RFD 1, Box 49, Mechanic Falls, ME 04256. Tours to several mines. Min. \$20.00/day, more with guide. Cabins. Write for details.

Field trips

Mt. Mica Gems & Minerals. Pay fee to Mr. & Mrs. George Brown, Lincoln St., Paris Hill, ME, and get permit. Fee: \$1.50. Children under 12 free. Phone (207) 364-3060. Open Mid-April to Mid-Nov.

Tourmaline, beryl, smoky quartz, spinel, apatite, many others

Bumpus Mine, Bethel, ME. Mr. Albert Kimball, Box 6, West Bethel, ME 02486. Phone (207) 824-2628. Fee: \$2.00/person; children 5 to 10 \$1.00; under 5 free. Camping \$2.00/night. Mine is on Rts. 5 & 35 S. of Bethel.

Feldspar, quartz, muscovite, beryl, tourmaline, garnet Beryl, gar-

Beryl, garnet, rose quartz, smoky quartz Perham's Maine Mineral Store, Junc. Rts. 26 and 219, West Paris, ME 04289. Phone (207) 674-2341. No fee, open weather permitting. Maps to 11 mines available free at store, incl. Mt. Mica & Bennett Quarry, above. Museum in store; no admission charge. If at all possible, stop here first.

Apatite, tourmaline, garnet, rose & smoky quartz, beryl, many others

MARYLAND

**Nature's Exotics, 10419 Armory Ave., Kensing- Field trips ton, MD 20795.

MASSACHUSETTS

**Betts Manganese Mine, off Rt. 9, Plainfield, MA. Managed by Mr. & Mrs. Timberlake, on Packard Rd. (Prospect St.), off Rt. 9, the same road the mine is on. Fee: \$2.00 each.

Rhodonite, pyrolusite, pyrite. garnet, others

MICHIGAN

**Whelan's Stone & Nature Crafts, Shoreline Resort, Eagle Harbor, MI 49951.

Field trips

Natural Storage Co. Mine, 1200 Judd Ave., S.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49509. Phone (616) 241-1619. Fee: \$1.50. Open Mon-Fri 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM; Sat. 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Call ahead for information. Groups by reservation only; individuals on limited basis.

Gypsum, selenite, alabaster

MINNESOTA

Thomsonite Beach Motel, Mile Post 1032, Lutsen, MN 55612. Phone (218) 387-1532. Resort; will guide you to different area each day. Write for current rates.

Thomsonite. zeolites, many others

MISSOURT

Sheffler's Rock Shop, Alexandria, MO 63430. 6 mi. S. of Alexandria, Junc. of Hwy. 61. Phone (816) 754-3395. \$10.00/person for 100 lbs. Overrun 10¢/lb.

Keokuk area geodes, with quartz, calcite, pyrite, barite. selenite needles

H. L. Mining, Lincoln, MO 65338. 3 mi. N. of Lincoln on US 65. Write L. Harms, 1804 E. 14th, Sedalia, MO 65301. Phone (816) 826-7872. Fee 15¢/lb. Open all year, weather permitting.

Mozarkite

**St. Francisville, MO. Write Geodes, P.O. Box 224, Portage, Michigan 49081 for information about this mine.

Geodes

MONTANA

Castles Sapphire Mine, 4363 Hart Dr., Helena, MT 59601. Phone (406) 227-5485. Fee: \$6.00/person; under 12 free. Rental equipment avail. Free camping, no hookups. Season May 1-Oct. 15.

Sapphires, garnets

Eldorado Bar Sapphire Mine, Helena, MT. Write for brochure: Pramenko Placers, Inc., 106 Terrace Way, Missoula, MT 59801. Phone (406) 549-6203. Fee: \$10.00 a day/person. Under 12 free; over age 65 25% discount on all fees. Camping avail. Open May 1-Oct. 31. Tools available.

Sapphires, gold

Open May 1-Oct. 31. Tools available.
Guffey's Sapphire Mine, 4330 Jim Town Road,
York Route, Helena, MT 59601. Phone (406)
475-3496. Fee: \$6.00/day. Rocker rental
\$2.00. Free camping. Open May 1-Oct. 15.

Sapphires, agate, garnets

Chausse's Mine, Route 38, Philipsburg, MT 59858. \$2.00/10 quart pail of pay dirt. Open May 1-Oct. 1. Free camping for diggers.

Sapphires

Cornish Sapphire Mine, Mr. T. R. & Grace Hess, Route 38, Box E, Philipsburg, MT 59858. Phone (406) 859-3302. Fee: \$2.00 per 10 qt. pail of paydirt. Free camping.

Sapphires

Dryhead agate diggings, Pryor Mountain area. Mr. Paul Fry, Fry's Gemshop, 1207 Woodbury St., Miles City, MT 59301. Phone (406) 232-4757. Write for map & directions. Season April 15 until snow comes. Fee: Men \$12.50, Women \$7.50. Club discounts, free camping.

Dryhead agates

NEVADA

Rainbow Ridge Mine, <u>Denio</u>, Nevada. From May 26 to Sept., write Mr. G. K. Hodson, Rainbow Ridge Mine, Denio, NV 89404 for brochure & map. Before May 26, write to Hodson's of Scottsdale, 7116 First Ave., Scottsdale, AZ 85251. Mine open Memorial Day to end of Sept. Closed Wednesdays. Bring water! Fees: \$5.00/day; 8 to 13 years old, \$2.50/day.

Fire opal

Royal Peacock Opal Mine, J. Wilson, <u>Denio</u>, NV 89404. Phone Virgin Valley # 1. Write for map and brochure. \$5.00/person; 8-12 yrs. \$2.50; non-diggers \$1.00. Open daily. Two trailers available \$\$12/day; reserve in advance.

Fire opal, fluorescent opal, dendritic opal

Little Jo Opal Mine, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Duffield, P.O. Box 203, Gerlach, NV 89412. Allow 3 weeks for ans. Fee: \$5.00/day; \$4.00 each in groups over 15 people. Free camping. Open all year, 7 AM to 6 PM.

**Goldfield Gems, Box 495, Goldfield, NV 89013.

Quartette Mine, <u>Searchlight Township</u>, NV. Contact The Millers, c/o Go Graphics, Inc., P.O. Box 3003, San Clemente, CA 92672, Tel. (714) 492-5865, to arrange to meet at mine. Open all year. Bring your own water. Fee: \$5.00/person/day. No camping at mine.

Opal, Jasper, Agate

Jasper, apache tears

Turquoise, malachite, chrysocolla, calcite, wulfenite, bornite, apatite, azurite, flour gold, others

NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Beauregard Mine, Alstead, NH. Owner: Mr. Maloney in Gilson, NH.

Alger Hill Mine. The Trading Post, Irene or Leonard Guaraldi, Box 72, Grafton, NH 03240. On Riddle Hill Road. Phone (603) 523-4895. Open April 1 to Nov. 30, 9 AM to 5 PM on weekends and holidays! Fee: \$2.00 each. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Ruggles Mine, Isinglass Mountain, Route 4, <u>Grafton</u>, NH 03240. Open weekends May 30-June 17, daily June 17 to 3rd weekend in Oct. Adults \$2.50; 6-12 yrs. \$1.00; under 6 yrs. old free. Mineral/gift shop.

**Palermo Mine, North Groton, NH. Owner:
Robert Whitmore, Weare, NH 03281. Fee:
\$2.00

Beryl Mountain Mineral Shop, Mr. Harvey
Bailey, Beryl Mtn. Road, South Acworth, NH
03607. Phone (603) 835-2236. Map to 10
nearby mines, 30¢ (mines are free). Mines
open April-November.

Minerals

Beryl, aquamarine. clevelandite, quartz, mica, uraninite, tourmaline, feldspar, pyrite, other minerals Beryl, mica, rose and smoky quartz, amethyst, garnet, many others Minerals

Beryl, mica, garnet, spodumene, green fluor-ite, fluores-cent mangan-apatite, smoky quartz, tourmaline, actinolite, others

Old Crook & Brown Gold Mine Dump. E. Foley, R.D. # 2, Woodsville, NH 03785. \$2.00/day; children free.

Gold, arsenopyrite, pyrite, marcasite

NEW JERSEY

Trotter Mine, Buckwheat Dump, R.D. # 1, Box 54, Franklin, NJ 07416. Manager, Mr. N. Zipco; phone (201) 827-7327. Fee: \$2.00 each, up to 25 lbs. Night hunting \$3.00. Bring UV light. Shed with AC outlets at site for checking fluorescent minerals.

Fluorescents, calcite, franklinite, magnetite, 200 other minerals

NEW MEXICO

West Mesa Rock Shop, Mr. G. B. Pearce, 6804 Central S.W., <u>Albuquerque</u>, NM 87105. Directions to several free sites or guiding at \$10-\$15/day.

**Sweet Ranch, Cerrillos, NM 87010.

Deming Agate Shop, Mrs. Emma Lou Lindberg, Rte 2, Box 331, Deming, NM 88030. Phone (505) 546-9659. Open all year, free camping. Has 6 places to dig. Fee from 10¢/lb. to 25¢/lb., depending on location.

Petrified
wood, apache
tears, jasper, agate
Petrified
wood
Vein agate;
plume, moss,
fortification agate;
nodules,
geodes;
picture sandstone, others

Deming Enterprises, Mr. Joe Tavernier, Rte 2, Box 292, Deming, NM 88030. Phone (505) 546-7241. Shop is 8 mi. E of Deming on State Road 549. Open all year. Fee: 25\$\psi\$/lb. while bulldozing, 15\$\psi\$/lb. other times.

Rock Hound State Park. Write Mr. Frank A. Pena, Park Supt., Rock Hound State Park, New Mexico State Park & Recreations Commission, Deming, NM 88030 for details.

**Ice Caves, Grant, NM

**Kelly Mine, Magdalena, NM 87825.

Nitt Mine & Graphic Mine. Mr. William Dobson, Box 141, <u>Magdalena</u>, NM 87825. Phone (505) 854-2236 before going. Fee: 75¢; 10 lb. limit per person.

Rainbow Marble Mine. Mr. O.W. Preece, Box 48, Radium Springs, NM 88054. Phone (505) 526-2181. Open all year. Fee: \$3.00 for 30 lbs. 10\$/lb. over that.

Agate

Amethyst, opal, geodes, agates

Fluorite
Minerals
Azurite,
calcite,
allophane,
malachite,
smithsonite,
others

Marble, agate, petrified wood

NEW YORK

Powers Farm, Mr. B. E. Powers, owner. Rt. 4, Powers Rd., <u>Canton</u>, NY 13617. Phone (315) 386-2334. Fee: \$2.00 each, under 12 free.

**Henry Rudy Farm, Edenville, NY. Fee: \$1.00 per person.

**Barker Farm, Hickory Hill Road, Fonda, NY 12068. Fee: \$2.00/person.

Tourmaline. smoky quartz

Spinel

"Herkimer Diamonds" (quartz crystals)

Diamond Acres, Stone Arabia Rd., Fonda, NY. Write F. Hastings, R.D. # 1, Route 30A, Johnstown, NY 12095. Fee (13 yrs. to adult): \$1.00. Camping available.

Ace of Diamonds and Diamond Hill Mines, Rt. 28. Middleville, NY 13406. Phone (315) 891-3665. \$1.50/person. Camping \$1.50/night.

Herkimer Diamond Development Corp., Box 434. Middleville, NY 13406. Phone (315) 891-7355. On Rt. 28, 7 mi. N. of Herkimer. April 1 to late fall. Adults \$2.00, under 14 \$1.00. Camping avail. Mineral museum.

**Old City Diamond Area, Old City Road,

Newport, NY.

Barton Mines Corp., Gore Mountain, North Creek, NY 12853. Last week in June to Labor Day. Guided tours (with collecting). mineral shop, retail sales.

Crystal Grove Campsite & Diamond Mine, R.D. # 1. St. Johnsville, NY 13452. Phone (518) 568-9980. \$2.50 up to 4 hrs.; \$3.00 all day. Under 14 yrs. free. Camping \$2.50 a

night; \$3.00 with electricity.

Diamond Ledge, Ives Rd. (off Rt. 29), Salisbury, NY. Mr. Jim Ives, R.D. # 1, Little Falls, NY 13365, owner. Phone (315) 429-9293. May 10 to Thanksgiving. Fee: \$2.08; camping \$2.08. Special club rates. Picnic area and restrooms.

The Old Stone Farm, Oxbow Road, Theresa, NY 13691. Ms. Jean Schultz. Not one mine; a series of places to hunt. No fees; go

to her store for directions.

Herkimer Diamonds. calcite, dolomite Herkimer Diamonds

Herkimer Diamonds

Herk. Diam., calcite, fossils Garnet

Herkimer Diamonds

Herkimer Diamonds. calcite crystals, dolomite

Fossils, Herkimer Diamonds. Deer River Ostracods. Rossie calcites. labradorite, golden sphalerites

NORTH CAROLINA

Ray Mine (on Bolem Creek Rd.). Mr. E. L. Briggs, Box 801, <u>Burnsville</u>, NC 28714. Phone (704) 682-2131. Gatekeeper: Mrs. Carrie Bennett, (704) 682-2362. Open all year. Fee: \$3.00 each, free camping.

Old Pressley Mine. Mrs. June Trantham, Box 181, Rt. 1, Canton, NC 28716. Phone (704) 648-0778, or 2815. Open all year. Fee:
Adults, \$1.00; Children 50%. Camping.

Adults, \$1.00; Children 50¢. Camping. **Cranberry Iron Mine, <u>Cranberry</u>, NC 28614. Fee: \$1.00.

Bradley's Ruby Mine, Mr. Charles T. Bradley, 59 Bidwill St., Franklin, NC 28734. Phone (704) 524-2395. Fee: \$3.00; under 12,\$2.00.

Caler Creek Mine, Ed Brogden, operator. Rt. 28 in Cowee Valley, Franklin, NC 28734. Fee \$3.00/day, incl. 4 buckets of paydirt. 25¢ a bucket after that. Digging your own paydirt is also allowed.

Cherokee Ruby Mine, Rt. 4, Box 483, Cowee Valley Rd., Franklin, NC 28734. Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Nelson, managers. Fee: \$3.00; under 12, \$1.50. Gravel \$1.00/4 buckets.

Corundum Hill Enterprises, Inc., Box 593, Franklin, NC 28734. On U.S. Hwy. 64E. Fee: \$2.00/day. Gravel \$1.00/4 buckets. Mr. Ed Crisp, manager.

Dale & Demko's Mine, Rt. 4, Box 460, Franklin, NC 28734. Resort motel with mine. Nov. 1 to May 1. Write Ms. M. H. Demko, 4240 Ocean Drive, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Florida 33308. Mark envelope "private residence."

4 K's Star Garnet Mine, Rose Creek Road, Franklin, NC 28734. Managers: Mr. & Mrs. R. Kehle. \$2.00/person. Gravel \$1.00 for 6 buckets. Closed Wednesdays.

Gibson Ruby Mine, Cowee Valley Rd., Franklin, NC 28734. Manager: Mr. Gibson. Fee: \$3.00; children \$2.00. Gravel 25¢/bucket. Closed Sundays.

Gregory Ruby Mine, Cowee Valley Rd., Franklin, NC 28734. Owners: Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Gregory, Box 495, Franklin, NC 28734. Fee: \$2.00. Gravel \$1.00/5 buckets.

Holbrook Ruby Mine, Cowee Valley Rd.,

Franklin, NC 28734. Manager: Mr. W. Holbrook. Fee: \$3.00; Children \$2.00.

Houston Mine, Rose Creek Rd., <u>Franklin</u>, NC 28734. Manager: Mr. J. T. Houston. Fee: \$2.00/person. Gravel \$1.00/5 buckets.

Mica, beryl, apatite, garnet, columbite, aquamarine, quartz

Corundum, feldspar, sapphire, ruby

Epidote, garnet, kyanite Rubies(salted), sapphires, moonstone, garnet Ruby, sapphire, garnet, related

Rubies, sapphires, related minerals

minerals

Ruby, amethyst, sapphire, emerald, topaz

Ruby, sapphire

Star garnet, sapphire, moonstone

Ruby, sapphire

Ruby, sapphire

Ruby, sapphire, garnet

Sapphire, garnet Jacobs Ruby Mine, Cowee Valley Rd., <u>Franklin</u>, NC 28734. Manager: Mr. R. Hedden. Fee: \$3.00; Children 7-11, \$2.00. Gravel, 25% a bucket.

McCook's Rhodolite Mine, Rt. 28N, <u>Franklin</u>, NC 28734. Manager: Mr. Lee Fortune. Fee: \$2.00; gravel 25¢/bucket. Digging your own gravel OK.

Mason Mountain Rhodolite & Ruby Mine, Brown & Martha Johnson, Hwy. 28 (Bryson City Rd.), Rt. 4, Box 742, Franklin, NC 28734. Phone (704) 524-4570. Fee: \$2.00; children under 12, \$1.00. Manager: Mrs. Pat Campbell.

Mincy Mine, S.R. 1001, <u>Franklin</u>, NC 28734. Owners: C. Kimmel & Wm. Reynolds. Fee: \$3.00; gravel 25¢/bucket.

Rockhound Haven Mine, Rt. 28N, Franklin, NC 28734. Manager: Mr. H. Morgan. Fee: \$2.00. Gravel 6 buckets for \$1.00.

Sheffield Mine, Cowee Valley Rd., Franklin, NC 28734. Manager: Mr. W. Sheffield. Fee: \$3.00; children \$2.00; Gravel 25%/bucket.

Shuler Ruty Mine, Cowee Valley Rd., Franklin, NC 28734. Owner: Mrs. R. Schuler. Closed Sundays. Fee: \$3.00; children \$2.00; gravel 25\$/bucket.

**Tessentee Amethyst Mine, Box 592, Franklin, NC 28734, Fee: \$3.00.

NC 28734. Fee: \$3.00. Yukon Mine, Rt. 4, Box 452, Franklin, NC 28734. Grace Donaldson, owner. Phone (704) 524-6186. Fee: \$3.00; under 12, \$2.00.

Open all year. Camping, \$3.00.

Emerald Valley Mines, Box 6, Hiddenite, NC 28636. Phone (704) 632-6779. Open all year, 7 days a week. Museum & shop March 1 to Oct. 31. Same dates for camping. Brochure available. Fees: \$4.00; children 6-16, \$2.00; camping \$4.00 w. hookups, \$2.00 "primitive." Tools available. Contact Ms. Lois Rist.

**Randleman Amethyst Farm, <u>Iron Station</u>, NC 28080.

Playmore Beach (N.C. Rt. 18). Mr. Charles H. DeVoto, Box 390, Rt. 7, Lenoir, NC 28645. Campground. Fee: \$2.00/person.

Crabtree Emerald Mine, Box 163, <u>Little</u>
<u>Switzerland</u>, NC 28740. Fee: \$3.00; under 12, \$1.50; under 7 free.

Ruby, sapphire, garnet

Rhodolite garnet, sapphire

Rhodolite garnet, kyanite, garnet, moonstone, ruby, sapphire, quartz

Bronze sapphires

Rhodolite garnet

Ruby, sapphire, garnet Ruby, sapphire, garnet

Amethyst, garnet Rubies (salted), garnets, sapphires Emeralds, hiddenite. rutile, tourmaline, quartz (clear, smoky, rutilated), amethyst, hematite, monazite

Amethyst

Gold panning

Emeralds, tourmaline

Bettis Brothers Farm. Cleve & Jeff Bettis, Box 259, Marble, NC 28905. Fee: \$2.00/

person. Open all year.

Troy Watson, Rt. 3, Box 144, Newland, NC 28657. Fee: \$3.00/person. Equipment available. Mine is on Henson Creek Rd. Closed Sundays.

Cotton Patch Mine, New London, NC 28127.
Mr. Glenn Nance. Phone (704) 463-5797.
Fee: \$2.00/day; \$3.00 all weekend. Pans and sluices provided. Camping.

**Bill Burleson's Moonstone Mine. 2.5 mi.
North of Plumtree on Roaring Creek Rd.,

Spruce Pine, NC 28777.

Staurolite

Beryl: green, blue, golden. Garnet: black, red. Aquamarine. Gold

Moonstone

OHIO

Mason's House of Flint, Gratiot, OH 43740.
Open April to Mid-Nov. Fee: 5¢/lb.; \$2.25
a day for camping, electricity extra.
Nethers Farm, Rt. 1, Box 64, Hopewell, OH
43746. Mr. John Nethers. Fee: \$2.00 each

43746. Mr. John Nethers. Fee: \$2.00 each for 20 lbs.; 25\$/lb. over that. Camping.

Flint

Flint, clear & rose quartz, smoky quartz, chalcedcny in flint

Flint

Agate, flint

**Basil Norris, Rt. 2, Pert Mill Road, Nashport, OH 43830. Fee: \$1.00

Nellie Blue-Bæck Flint. Write to A. Clarke, Box 115, Warsaw, OH 43844. Mine is in Nellie, OH. Russell E. Davidson, R.D. #3, Warsaw, OH 43844 serves as a collecting guide at the Clarke farm. Fee: \$1.25.

OKLAHOMA

Ferguson Ranch. Mr. Donald J. Snider, R. 1. Box 48, <u>Cache</u>, OK 73527. Phone (405) 429-8340 nights & weekends. Fee: \$2.00 up to 10 lbs.; 20\$\notinus\$/lb. over that. Open to groups of 10 or more only, year-round.

Roberts Ranch, Box 72, Kenton, OK 73946. Fee: Petrified 25¢/lb.; Algae \$1.00/lb. Free camping. wood, rose

Barite crystals, géodes, balls

Petrified wood, rose agate, jasper, algae or cycad

Barite roses

Blair's Rose Rock Farm, T. L. Blair, R. 1, Box 308, Noble, OK 73068. Phone (405) 872-3865. Fee: by the pound. \$6.00/100 lb. up to \$1.00/lb. Single 6-10 lb. roses \$1.50-2.50. Open 7 days a week.

**Shobert Farm, Noble, OK 73068. Fee: \$4.00/ person for 30 lbs.; 50¢/lb. over that.

Barite roses

**Fred Reynold's Rose Rock Farm, Old State No. 9, Norman, OK 73069. Barite Roses

OREGON

Eagle Valley Ranch, Don & Candy Gomes, Box 6A, Antelope, OR 97001. Phone (503) 489-3318. Fee: 20¢-50¢/lb. Free camping.

Indian Creek Ranch, Mr. Roy Forman, Antelope, OR 97001. Phone (503) 489-3238. Fee: 20¢/lb. Camping available.

**Whiting's Horse Heaven Ranch, Antelope, OR 97001.

**Bedortha Ranch, Ashwood, OR 97711

**Big Muddy Ranch, Ashwood, OR 97711

Friend's Ranch, Mr. Darrell Friend, Box 41, Ashwood, OR 97711. Phone (503) 489-3252. Open May to Oct. Fee: eggs & green moss, 20\$\psi\$/lb.; other agate, 15\$\psi\$/lb.

Keegan Beach, Box 11, Ashwood, OR 97711.
Phone (503) 489-3294. CALL BEFORE GOING,
IF POSSIBLE. Closed in winter. White jasper,
\$1.00/lb.; red 50\$\psi/lb.; brown 35\$\psi/lb.

McDonald Ranch, Box 7, Ashwood, OR 97711.
Phone (503) 489-3290. Not open on regular basis--check at house. Snowflake, angelwing, 50\$/lb.; others 20\$/lb. Free camping.

**Marston's Petrified Wood Ranch, Ashwood, OR 97711. Fee: 50¢/lb.

Swanson Agate & Egg Beds. Mrs. Gerald Thornton, P.O. Box 16, Ashwood, OR 97711. Phone (503) 489-3259. Eggs, 25\$\varphi\$/1b.; agates 40-50\$\varphi\$/1b. Free camping.

Moss & blue agate, petrified wood, geodes, geodes with calcite and amethyst Petrified (agatized) wood Agate

Petrified
wood in
rainbow
colors
Petrified
wood, green
moss agate,
jasper
Thundereggs,
agate, moss
agate

Bull's-eye tube agate, some with plumes; amethyst, jasper

Agate: snowflake, plume, angelwing, black moss, dendrites; Petrified wood; Thundereggs; jasper

Petrified wood
Thundereggs,
Paulina red
moss agate,
other agates

Robins Buchanan Thundereggs. Write Don & Ione Robins, Rt. 1, Box 100, Powell Butte, OR 97753. Phone (503) 548-4182. May 1 to Sept. 30. Pits are near Burns & Buchanan. Fee: 25¢/lb. Write for specific information. Clyde Thissell Ranch, Box 218, Burns, OR 97220

Fee: \$2.00 up to 6 lb.; 40¢/lb. over that.

King Solomon's Surprise Mine, Grant's Pass, OR. Owner: Mr. T. H. Bohmker, Gold Panning Safaris, 1413 N.W. 9 St., Corvallis, OR 97330. Phone (503) 745-5113. April to Oct. Fee: \$65.00 for 2 days, including use of tents and tools, and food.

**Burnett's Agate Beds, Lebanon, OR 97355.

Drummond's Agate Beds, 37290 Rock Hill Drive, Lebanon, OR 97355. 3 mi. S. of Lebanon. April 1 to Oct. 15. Fee: \$3.50, no limit on rock. Camping.

Moore's Agate Acres, Max & Juan Moore, Rt. 1, Box 577, <u>Lebanon</u>, OR 97355. Phone 258-3579. 3 mi. S. on 2nd St. June to Sept. Fee: \$3.00; free camping for customers.

Hay Creek Ranch, Ashwood Star Route, Madras, OR 97741. Ms. Clarene Aitken, Mgr. 12 mi. E. of Madras on B St. Phone (503) 475-3789. April to Nov.; other months by appt. Guide available. Camping, no water. Fee: \$3.00/ person, for up to 20 lbs.; 25¢/lb. over 20 lbs., except Hay Creek blue agate, \$1.25/lb.

Priday Agate Beds; J. Richardson, owner. Madras, OR 97741. 16 mi. N. of Madras on US 97. Open daily, 1st weekend in April to last weekend in Oct. 200/lb.; no minimum.

Johnnie Richardson's Kennedy Ranch, Madras, OR 97741. Phone (305) 475-2680. 13 mi. NW of Madras. Open all year, weather permitting. 20¢/lb.; no minimum. Camping available.

Lucky Strike Thunderegg Mine, Mr. Leonard Kopcinski, P.O. Box 128, Mitchell, OR 97750. Open 8 AM to 6 PM. Write for map & directions. Fee: 35¢/lb. Minimum \$3.00 per car.

Mansfield of Rock, Ms. Margaret Mansfield, P.O. Box 147, New Pine Creek, OR 97635. Phone (916) 946-4101. Season approx. June 20 to Oct. 15. Fees are by the pound. Free camping. Several mines: Pink Lady # 1, 2, 3; Apache # 1, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Thundereggs

Snake agate (chalcedony) Gold, native mercury, cinnabar, native copper, josephinite, platinum, spinel Agate, carnelian Carnelian, japser

Plume & banded carnelian agate, nodules, jasper

Hay Creek blue agate, thundereggs, jasper, petrified wood

Thundereggs, polka dot agate

Agate; red, yellow, purple moss agate; thundereggs, petrified wood Thundereggs, picture jasper

Pink, blue, purple, green, spiderweb, & rainbow obsidian

**Carey Agate Beds, Prineville, OR 97754.

Prospect Mtn. Mining & Mfg., 36741 Zeleny Rd., Scio, OR 97374. Mr. A. G. Zeleny. Phone (503) 394-2403. Open year-round, weather permitting. Dry camping in summer for self-contained units. Fees: \$5.00/day up to 25 lb. + 25¢/lb. over that.

Bill Belveal's Place, Rt. 2, Box 1122, Sweet Home, OR 97386. Phone 367-5985. Fee: \$2.50 a day, keep what you dig. Free camping.

**J. J. Macker Ranch, Holley Rt., Sweet Home, OR 97386.

**Clear Creek (<u>Vernonia</u>), OR. Bring rubber boots and digging equipment. \$1.00 or \$2.00 per

car donation suggested.

Priday Polka Dot Agate, Willowdale, OR. Write Dr. Eugene Winter, Prof's Rock Shop, 56 N. College Ave., College Place, WA 99324. Phone (509) 527-2282. Open June to Sept. by appt., or contact Sandy's Rock Shop in Ashwood, OR. Closed Sat. Fee: 10¢-\$1.00/lb., depending on quantity and quality.

Agate
Petrified
(agatized)
wood

Petrified wood, agate

Petrified wood Carnelian, plume and other agate Agate, jasper

PENNSYLVANIA

**The Bigham Mine. Mr. Stanley Pitts, Greenstone-Iron Springs Rd., <u>Greenstone</u>, PA

Pequea Silver Mines, Mr. Jim Monaghan, caretaker. Silver Ford, Inc., P.O. Box 622,

Lancaster, PA. Phone (717) 393-5611. Hours 8 AM-6PM, 7 days a week. Make appt. in advance to be sure gate is open. Fee: \$3.00. Tour of mine, museum, & farm, \$1.00. Camping with water and toilets.

minerals,
epidote,
quartz
Galena,
quartz
crystals,

Copper

quartz crystals, soapstone, talc, limestone, chromite, williamsite, aragonite

**Henry T. Levi, 103 Prospect St., <u>Nanticoke</u>, PA 18634. Phone (717) 735-1493. For information on coal mines at <u>Ashley</u>, <u>Mountain Top</u>, and <u>Nanticoke</u>.

French Creek Mines, St. Peter's, PA 19470.
Mr. Peter Chonka, owner. Phone (215) 469-6140. Mine is behind house; ask in town for directions to house. Fee: \$1.00; under 16 yrs, 50%.

Magnetite, calcite, hematite, chalcopy-rite, azurite, pyrite, others

SOUTH DAKOTA

**Mr. Louis Stratton, Box 695, Custer, SD 57730. Guide.

**Flying U Ranch, Bradfields, Kadoka, SD 57543.

**Big Foot Ranch, Porcupine, SD 57772.

**Black Hills Minerals, Skyline Drive, Keystone Rt., Box 4, Rapid City, SD 57701.

Minerals

Agate, petrified wood Chalcedony, fossils Information and group guide

TENNESSEE

Betty & Elmer Yocum, Rt. 9, Box 115B, <u>Sparta</u>, TN 38583. Phone (615) 738-8162. Season, April to Nov. Fee: \$2.00 each up to 10 lbs. agate; 25¢/lb. over that.

Mr. Joe G. Arnold, Rt. 2, Box 328, Anthony Rd., Wartrace, TN 37183. Phone (615) 389-6627. Fee: \$3.00 up to 10 lbs.; 30¢/lb. over that.

Mr. Jack Silvertooth, Rt. 2, Wartrace, TN 37183. Phone (615) 389-6156. Fee: \$2.00 up to 10 lbs.

Calfkiller agate, jasper, quartz crystals Carnelian, agate

Carnelian, agate

TEXAS

**Anderson Ranch, Alpine, TX 79830. Fee: \$3.00 and up.

**Aqua Frio Ranch, c/o B. P. McKinney, Alpine, TX 79830.

**Henderson Ranch, Alpine, TX 79830. **Roadrunner Park, Alpine, TX 79830.

**Mr. Earl Rudder, State Highway 118, Alpine, TX 79830. Fee: \$10.00.

Woodward Ranch, Mr. Frank Woodward, Alpine, TX 79830. 16 mi. S. of Alpine on State Hwy. 118. Fee: \$3.00/day for 25 lbs.; 25\$/lb. over that. Trailer park or free camping.
**Erdman Ranch (Mamie Erdman), Falls City. TX

78113. She will guide you for a fee. Write first.

**Mr. & Mrs. Tessman, Farm Road 1344, Falls City, TX 78113.

Davenport Ranch (Mrs. Wes Loeffler), Grit, TX 76846. Write for information.

**Singing Hills Ranch, Laredo, TX 78040. **Hall Ranch, Mrs. Anna Hall, 110 Marble, Llano, TX 78643.

Agate

Agate, petrified wood Agate Guides Petrified wood, agate Plume, pompon, biscuit agate

Agatized wood, palm, cycads Golden petr. palmwood Topaz, smoky quartz Agate Minerals

Stillwell Ranch, Marathon. Mrs. Hallie Stillwell, Box 42, Alpine, TX 79830. Phone (at night): (915) 837-2346. Fee:

Trailer park. 35¢/lb.

E. K. Beanland, Marfa, TX 79843. Phone: (915) 729-4141. Fee: \$6.00 each for 20 lbs. No rock hunting from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15 (deer season).

Mountain View Rock Shop (Mr. Paul Wofford), P.O. Box 603, Marfa, TX 79843. Phone (915) 729-4028. Guide with 200 sections to hunt on. Fee: Under 10 in party, \$15.00 each; over 10 in party, \$12.50 each. Up to 35 lb. of rock included. Over that, 35%/1b.

Wayne Hoffman, Mason, TX. Fee: \$5.00. Closed Nov. 16-Jan. 1 (deer season). Mrs. Wes

Loeffler has the key.

Ince Ranch, Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Ince, Box 411, Mason, TX 76856. Phone 347-5694. Fee: \$5.00 each. Closed Nov. 15 for deer hunting.

Lange Ranch, Mr. Ernest Lange, Junction Rt., Mason, TX 76856. Phone 265-2035. Fee: \$3.00 each. Call ahead so he can open the gate. Closed for deer hunting Nov. 16-17.

**Schwanke Ranch, Mr. Bob Raspberry, Mason, TX 76856.

Seaquist Ranch, Mr. Garner Seaquist, Box 35, Mason, TX 76856. Fee: \$5.00 each per day. Camping \$2.00; with electricity \$4.00.

Closed for deer hunting Nov. 16- Dec. 1. **Matejowsky's Bluebonnet Farm, Mr. Marvin Matejowsky, Rt. 1, Box 196, Nechanitz, TX. Fee: \$1.00/person/day, up to 20 lbs. Over that 200/lb. Palm wood, \$1.00/lb. Free camping.

Lambert Ranch, Rt. 1, <u>San Saba</u>, TX 76877. Fee: \$2.00 each for 30 lbs. Closed Nov.-Dec. for deer hunting.

Mother Lode Ranch, Mr. & Mrs. H. D. House, 1911 Mesquite, Three Rivers, TX 78071. Phone (512) 786-2681. Fee: \$5.00/vehicle. Jan. 1 to Nov. 10.

Bob's Knob, Falcon Reservoir, Box 849, Zapata, TX 78076. Mr. Bob Sadler. Open all year. Rock hunting not as good in the winter, when the lake is high.

Agate, petrified boow

Agate: black, pastel, banded; some opal

Agate: moss, bouquet, black, plume; jasper, petr. роом

Topaz, smoky quartz

Topaz, quartz

Topaz, smoky quartz

Topaz

Blue & clear topaz, smoky quartz

Petrified wood, palm wood

Limestone, fossils, crinoid stems, opalized coral

Petrified palm wood, petr. wood, fern buds Rio Grande agate

Falcon Rock & Jewelry Shop, Mrs. Charleen
Deaton Melton, P.O. Box 464, Zapata, TX
78076. "Ramirez Ranch," open Oct. 1 to May.
Phone (512) 765-4455. Fee: \$3.00 each.
Shop open Oct. 1 - May 1, 10 AM-6PM,
closed Fri. & Sun. mornings.

Agate, jasper, petrified wood

UTAH

Johnny's Rock Shop, Hwy. 89, <u>Elsinore</u>, UT 84724. Phone (801) 527-4096. Fee: 30¢/lb. Camping. Reservations suggested.

Clay canyon agate

**Nephi Onyx Mine. Mr. Dale N. Stevens, Steve's Stone, Rock, Lumber and Wood Yard, Star Rt., <u>Jensen</u>, UT 84035

Onyx

McDonald Opal, Hwy. 257 North, Milford, UT. Fee: \$10.00 for 10 lbs. One fee for entire family.

Fire opal; bubble, bacon, sagenite, & plume agate

VIRGINIA

Dobins Prospect & Morefield Mine. Mr. Deck R. Boyles, Rt. 4, Box 307, Amelia, VA 23002. Phone (804) 561-2395. Fee: \$1.00/person, at

each mine. Open year-round. others Ligon Mine (State 651). Mr. Kenneth A. Hooley, Rose & Rt. 4, Box 158, Amelia, VA 23002. Fee: clear \$2.00. Closed Sundays. quartz.

Beryl,
amazonite,
topaz,
others
Rose &
clear
quartz,
mica books,
beryl,
tourmaline,
feldspar

Rutherford Mine. Mr. Crawford Keener, Amelia, VA 23002. Fee: Adults, \$1.00; 6-12 yrs. old 50%. Open all week.

Amherst Amethyst Mine. Mrs. Mary L. Schaar, Rt. 2, Amherst, VA 24521. Fee: \$4.00/person per day. Call or write to be sure someone is home.

Harris Mica Mine Farm, Mrs. Owen Harris, Rt. 2, Box 137, <u>Beaver Dam</u>, VA 23015. Phone 449-6216. Fee: \$1.00/person. Camping, \$2.00 a night; no electricity.

Amazonite, moonstone, garnet Amethyst, quartz

Moonstone, quartz,garnet, mica, kyanite, amazonite

Gold Prehnite

Ruby, sapphire, quartz, emerald

**Brickhill Farm, Goldvein, VA 22720.

**Luck Quarry, State Rte. 7, Leesburg, VA 22075. Fee: \$1.00.

Mr. Frank Webb, State Hwy. 709, Martinsville,
VA. Fee: \$1.00 + \$2.00 for a 2-gallon bucket
of raw material, which is trucked from a
mine in North Carolina.

WASHINGTON

Whiskey Creek Beach, <u>Joyce</u>, WA 98343. Phone Port Angeles (206) 928-3489. Manager: Mrs. F. J. Schmitt. Feb. 15 to Nov. 30. Cabins and camping. Write for current rates.

Mattawa, WA. Write Bob Menser, 2819 North Warner, Tacoma, WA 98407. Phone SK9-9603. Fees: Men, \$4.00 for up to 100 lbs.; women \$2.00 for 50 lbs.; under 12 free. May only be open by appt.!

Lanny R. Ream, 1315 Fir Lane, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273. Phone (206) 424-6854. By reservation only. Fee: \$5.00/person for 2 lbs.; plus \$2.50/lb. over that.

Frank & Ollie's Rock & Gem Shop, 123 First Ave., Okanogan, WA 98840. Phone 422-3730. Field trips. Write for details.

per, black jade, fossils, carnelian Saddle Mountain petrified wood (picture wood) Jade (nephrite) in various shades Serpentine, blue agate, thulite, rose quartz, aventurine. others

Agate, jas-

Agate Beach, Rt. 1, Box 294, Port Angeles, WA 98362. Phone (206) 928-3344. Resort with fossils camping and rock hunting. Write for rates. **Mr. Glen Coby, Old Hard Rock Bennet Diggings, Vernita Star Rt., Sunnyside, WA 98944. Fee: \$1.00.

Silver Dollar Cafe, Vernita Star Rt., Sunny-side, WA 98944. Ask for directions at cafe.

Northwest Gem Co., 3841 6th Ave., <u>Tacoma</u>, WA 98406. Phone (206) 752-8342. Rock & relic tours, Yukon to Costa Rica. Write for brochure.

Agate,

Petrified wood (?)

Petrified роом Jade, fire opal, artifacts

WEST VIRGINIA

**Tyler Mt. Lapidary, 5257 Big Tyler Rd., Charleston, W. Va. 25512.

Field trip information

WISCONSIN

**House of Suzanne, 430 East Grand Ave., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494.

Free map of central Wisc. mineral locations

WYOMING

Gemstone Enjoyment, Eugene Stevens, Director. OSED 3055 Nob Hill Dr., <u>Casper</u>, WY 82601. Phone (307) 237-3858. Free maps supplied for 7 areas. No limit on rock. Free camping.

Petrified wood, agate, jasp-agate, aventurine, fossils, others

Buck Rogers Empress Gems, P.O. Box 53, <u>Jeffrey City</u>, WY 82310. Phone (307) 544-2532. Winter address: 795 Garfield, Lander, WY 82520. Phone (307) 332-5513. From May to Oct., conducts gem hunts to Granite & Green Mtns., Sweetwater River, old Oregon Trail, & Red Desert. Make reservations. Fee: \$15.00 1st day, \$12.00 2nd day, \$10.00 after that. Free campground. Gemco Rock Shop (U.S. 287), P.O. Box 87, Jeffrey City, WY 82310. Phone (307) 544-

2252. Field trips daily (min. 2 persons) to "Tin Cup Mountain." Fee: \$15.00 each; less for larger groups.

Dryhead Agate Co., 1601 Bitterroot Drive, Billings, MT 59101. Mr. Gene Frates, Phone (406) 259-1329. Mine is 35 mi. N. of Lovell, WY on Hwy. 37. Fee: \$25.00/person/day. Open June 1 to Oct. 1. Send for literature. Dry camp, no camping charge; rest room.

**Mr. Lewis ("Hop") Vondrasek, Muddy Gap, WY. He will guide you to his claims for a fee. Write first!

Fossils, jade in many colors, agate, quartz, petrified wood, jasper, serpentine, others Picture jasper, quartz, crocidolite, mineral specimens, copper minerals. fluorescent rocks

Dryhead agate

Jade, Wiggins & Dobois woods, agate

Sites Now Closed to Collectors

Note: In cases where a rock shop is listed, it is usually only the associated digging site that is closed. The shop itself is usually still open.

ARIZONA: Mine dumps at Bagdad

Greer's Milky Ranch, Holbrook

CALIF .: Copper World Claims, San Bernardino County

Himalaya Mine and dumps

Calico Silver Onyx Mine, Yermo

COLO.: Plume Agate Beds, Del Norte

Florissant Gems & Minerals, Florissant

Blue Barite Diggings, Stoneham

CONN .: Walden Mine, Portland

GEORGIA: Withlacoochee coral, Clyattville

Aluminum Silicate Corp., Lincolnton

IDAHO: The Rock Tepe & Tepe Mine, Marsing

ILLINOIS: Shinnybarger Farm, Quincy MARYLAND: State Line Pits, Baltimore MICH.: Adventure Mines, Greenland

MO .: Timberline Lake Rock & Gem Shop, Lincoln

NEW MEX.: Blanchard Mine, Bingham Keith Ranch, Cerrillos

NEW YORK: Molholsky's Diamond Farm, Newport Leib's Moonstone Mine, Saranac Lake

OHIO: Neibarger Farm, Hopewell

PENNA.: Cedar Hill Quarry, Talmage, Lancaster County TEXAS: Charles Moss Ranch, Enchanted Rock, Llano

Brushy Canyon Ranch, Marahon

Joe Bishop, Marfa

UTAH: Fisher's Rock Shop, Orderville

VIRGINIA: Winfree Prospect, Amelia Dixie Rock Shop, Fork Union

Bishop Mine Dumps, Lynch Station

WASH: Adna & Lucas Creek areas Brown's Ranch, Mattawa

WYOMING: Glendo Agate Beds, Wheatland

